Sl. No.	Name of city	No. of card holders	No. of recognised private hospitals/ diagnostic centres
3.	Kolkata	53,624	15
4.	Chennai	47,012	39

(c) and (d) Recognition of private hospitals/diagnostic centres under CGHS in Kolkata was last accorded in 1996 *vide* O.M. No. S-11011/32/92-CGHS Desk-II/CGHS (P) dated 27.2.96. The proposal to recognise private hospitals/diagnostic centres afresh in Kolkata is under consideration of Government.

Pesticides in packaged water

*359. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report regarding WHO mum on deadly pesticides in packaged water;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps, if any, proposed to be taken to reduce the pesticide content in the bottled water?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) WHO in its guidelines for Drinking Water Quality has prescribed the Guideline Value for 37 pesticides. In the studies carried out by Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, certain other pesticides namely:- Malathion, Parathion, Methyl Parathion, Di-methoate, Choloropyrfos, Endosulfan have also been detected in Packaged Drinking Water analysed by that laboratory. The pesticides which have been detected by Centre for Science and Enviornment have been registered under Insecticide Act by Ministry of Agriculture and are being used in agriculture on various crops. These pesticides perhaps may not be in use in other countries, so WHO has not prescribed the Guideline Value for these pesticides on drinking water.

(c) The Bureau of Indian Standards have now proposed as follows:—

(i) To revise the methods of analysis to use Internationally Established Test Methods which could detect proposed residue limits.

(ii) To prescribe the maximum residue limits of pesticides in packaged drinking water and mineral water as follows:—

(a) Pesticide residues considered individually - 0.0001 mg/litre

(b) Total pesticide residues - 0.0005 mg/litre

(iii) The manufacturers shall produce a No Objection Certificate from the Central Government/State Government Ground Water Authority for obtaining BIS Certificate.

Since Packaged Drinking Water is under Compulsory Certification Scheme of BIS, there is a necessity to harmonise the standards prescribed under PFA Rules with the standards amended by BIS.

Accordingly, a draft notification for inviting comments from public to amend the standards of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water under PFA Rules, 1955, as recommended by BIS was issued *vide* GSR No. 111 (E) dated 18.2.2003. The comments received are being processed by a Technical Committee constituted to examine the comments.

Dues from producers for telecasting their TV serials

*360. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of producers owe huge sum of money to Doordarshan on account of telecasting fee for telecasting their serials;